

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 827

By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Zella Nicely Washam of Luttrell.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened and deeply moved to learn of the passing of Ms. Zella Washam; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Washam was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Zella Washam served with love and devotion as a wife and mother, in which she earned the respect and admiration of her husband and children alike for the exemplary support and dedication she always showed them; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Washam was a faithful and devout servant of the Lord, and she demonstrated her deep, Christian beliefs in everything she did; and

WHEREAS, Zella Washam was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Washam enjoyed the loving companionship of her husband, H.P., who preceded her in death; she was also preceded in death by her parents, Eck and Emma Nicely; her brothers, Noah, Tommy, Earl, and Cornelius; and her sister, Sarah; and

WHEREAS, a beloved mother of three, Zella Washam is survived by her sons Norman and his wife, Windy; Danny and his wife, Jean; and Shannon and his wife, Jean-Ann Perry, all of whom will sorely miss her; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Washam will be fondly remembered by her grandchildren, Rachel, Emma, and Seth; her sisters, Bertha and Gertie; and her friends, Kristi and Meagan Turner; and

WHEREAS, Zella Washam leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, she has left this world for a far greater one, where she will reap the reward for her tireless lifelong efforts—the Kingdom of Heaven; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Zella Nicely Washam, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our deepest sympathy and offer our heartfelt condolences to the family of Ms. Zella Washam.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.